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- 1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE PROVIDED FOR INTER-VENTION BY DEL ON THIS ITEM.
- 2. DEL SHOULD WELCOME UNESCO'S EFFORTS TO DISCHARGE ITS CONSTITUTIONAL MISSION BY STRENGTHENING AND FORMALIZING ITS CAPACITY AND MACHINERY FOR DEALING WITH CASES AND SITUATIONS INVOLVING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ITS FIELDS OF COMPETENCE. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. DEL SHOULD WARMLY COMMEND SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS FOR REFDOC. IN OUR EXPERIENCE, IT IS MOST THOROUGH, THOUGHT-FUL AND OBJECTIVE UNESCO PAPER EVER PREPARED IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA. IT SHOULD LONG SERVE AS A BASIC RESOURCE DOCUMENT GUIDING OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE UNESCO PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS. DEL SHOULD EXPRESS

OUR PARTICULAR APPRECIATION FOR QUALITY OF CREATIVE IDEAS CONTAINED IN SECTION V OF REFDOC. IN GENERAL, WE FEEL GREATLY ENCOURAGED BY THIS IMPRESSIVE START AND URGE ALL MEMBERS TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST SUPPORT TO THIS IMPORTANT WORK.

- 4. DEL SHOULD STRESS THAT FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS, INTENDED TO ASSIST SECRETARIAT IN BUILDING UPON IDEAS SET FORTH IN SECTION V, ARE OFFERED IN SPIRIT OF ENTHUSIASM AND COOPERATION. INDEED, OUR ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT WITH REFDOC IS THAT IT IS, IF ANYTHING, TOO TIMID IN ITS PROPOSALS, GIVEN RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AREA AND THE RECOGNITION THAT THIS IS A SUBJECT OF VITAL INTERNATIONAL CONCERN.
- 5. DETAILED POINTS FOLLOW:
- A. PARA 125 (I) MERITS PARTICULAR COMMENDATION: DEL SHOULD URGE FLEXIBILITY AND GENERALITY RE COMPETENCE LIMITATION MENTIONED IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 125 (II).
- B. PARA 131 IS ALSO VERY GOOD; WE NEED TO MAINTAIN PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED IN SUBPARA C.
- C. PARA 132 IS TOO TIMID AND NEGATIVE.
- D. PARA 133 IS VERY GOOD.
- E. PARA 136:SEEK TO OBTAIN "STANDING" (I.E. ENTITLED TO UNCLASSIFIED

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INITIATE PROCEEDINGS) WHICH NEED NOT BE LIMITED TO VICTIMS. SUPPORT ALSO SUBPARA III DEL SHOULD COMMENT THAT SECRETARIAT IS TOO CAUTIOUS ON THIS ISSUE SINCE NO SPECIAL INTEREST IS NEEDED FOR UN 1503 CASES.

- F. WE CANNOT AGREE WITH PARA 136 EMPHASIS IN LAST PARA ON "LEGITIMATE" INTEREST. INTEREST TO ACT IS ENOUGH.
- G. PARA 137: SUBPARA II IS TOO RESTRICTIVE WITH REGARD TO SUBMISSION TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.
- H. DEL SHOULD GIVE PARTICULAR SUPPORT TO PARA 139 AND PARA 142. LATTER CONTAINS A VERY GOOD STATEMENT CONCERNING AIM.
- I. LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 143 NEEDS TO BE CHANGED. SHOULD PROBABLY SAY THAT IT IS ADVISABLE TO INFORM STATE BUT NO VETO POWER BY STATE.

J. RE PARA 145, DEL SHOULD IN ANY CASE STRONGLY SUPPORT ROLE BY DIRECTOR GENERAL.

K. DEL SHOULD EXPRESS AGREEMENT WITH PARA 147 AND INDICATE PARTICULAR U. S. SUPPORT FOR LAST SENTENCE PARA 149.

L. PARA 150: OPPOSE BLANKET CONFIDENTIALITY PER REFERENCE TO THIS PROBLEM IN REFTEL. IN THIS CONNECTION, IN LAST SENTENCE OF FIRST PARA OF 150 WORD "NORMALLY" SHOULD PRECEDE "CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS". SIMILARLY, SECOND PARA OF 150 SHOULD CONVEY IDEA OF "NORMALLY PUBLIC MEETING UNLESS BOARD DECIDES OTHERWISE."

M. DEL MAY WISH TO EXPRESS SURPRISE OVER INACTION INDICATED LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 153 AND NOTE WITH DISTRESS UNFORTUNATE SITUATION DESCRIBED PARAS 154-155.

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- N. DEL SHOULD EXPRESS PARTICULAR AGREEMENT WITH PARAS 157-159. RE LATTER PARA, DEL SHOULD STRESS THAT COORDINATION AND COOPERATION GOOD UNLESS THEY RESULT INH' LESS PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.
- O. PARA 162: DEL SHOULD STRONGLY SUPPORT MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEPARTMENTS, WHICH DEPT. BELIEVES WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL.
- 6. USDEL SHOULD URGE AS FOLLOW UP INITIATIVE THAT SECRETARIAT FORMULATE APPROPRIATE ACTION PROPOSALS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY BASED ON REFDOC AND RESULTS OF BOARD'S DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM. THESE SHOULD BE PREPARED ASAP AND CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS THIS SUMMER IN PREPARATION FOR FALL EX BD MEETING. FYI: DEPT DEEMS IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT INITIATIVE REPRESENTED BY REFDOC NOT BE LOST. END FYI. VANCE

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